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Applicant:

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Title:

METHOD OF DETERMINING MOVEMENT SEQUENCE, ALIGNMENT APPARATUS, METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DESIGNING OPTICAL SYSTEM,

AND MEDIUM IN WHICH PROGRAM REALIZING THE

**DESIGNING METHOD** 

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Preliminary Amendment B in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a [ ] Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [ ] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- The fee required for additional claims is calculated below: [ X ]

	Claims as Amended	-	Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present	<u>-</u> -	Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	41		41	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	13	_	7	=	6	×	\$80.00	=	\$480.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$270.00						=	\$0.00		
	CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:						=	\$480.00	

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for [ ] the total number of months checked below:

Extension for response filed within the first month:	[]			
Extension for response filed within the second month:	[ ]			
Extension for response filed within the third month:	[]			
Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]			
Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]			
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
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- Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$480.00. A [ ] duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$480.00 is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may [ X ] be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, postdated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents **Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by replacing the following claims with the clean versions below. (See Attachment A for the marked up version of the amended claims.)

A mark detecting method of sequentially detecting a 42. (Amended) plurality of areas to be detected on a substrate by using a detecting device having a predetermined detecting field, said method\comprising:

a determining step of determining an order for positioning each of the areas to be detected into the predetermined detecting field by using at least one of a Nearest